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From: Childs, John
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2001 9:23 AM
To: Rennis, Denise
Cc: Sperry, Dorothy
Subject: FW: Beneficial use of dredged material

below is email to Druback.

Please send me the internal memo you will prepare to document the process you went through to determine that the material is safe at the T5 mitigation site. Thank you.

—Original Message—

From: Childs, John
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2001 11:40 AM
To: 'DRUBACK.Ed@deq.state.or.us'
Cc: Quinn, Padraic (Pad); Ashton, David
Subject: Beneficial use of dredged material

Ed:

As you suggested in our phone conversation today, I am writing this email to request DEQ's interpretation of your September 4, 2001 letter that addressees the dredged material currently located in Port's rehandle facility.

While the Port was preparing to follow through with placing the dredged material at Berth 602, as described in the Port's letter dated May 25, 2001, we have identified a different beneficial use with several advantages. That is, we would like to use the dredged material at a wetland mitigation site located in south Rivergate along the powerline corridor (T5 wetland mitigation site). The dredged material would be used as a soil amendment during further construction of the wetland site and will be used to sustain plant growth within groundwater fed seasonal ponds. The dredged material is ideal in physical make-up and carries valuable native seeds.

In DEQ's September 4 letter, the dredged material is identified as "equivalent to 'soil, rock, concrete or other similar non-decomposable material.'" The letter also states that the dewatered dredged material is "substantially the same as 'clean fill' or 'inert' material, as defined in OAR 340-093-0030 (13) and (46), respectively."

The Port is requesting DEQ's approval of the beneficial use for wetland mitigation based on (1) the above language; (2) the material characterization in the Port's letter dated May 25; and (3) the chemical analysis indicates that the material is within the guidelines for low biological effects as reported by a number of studies of freshwater sediments.

Because we are required to start moving the material out of the Rehandle Facility by mid October to allow room for next dredging project, we would appreciate DEQ's approval by October 10.

Thank you for your continued support on this issue; we appreciate your time and dedication to finding solutions.

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